

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 3, 4 and 27.

Please AMEND claims 1, 22, and 32 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of establishing a user group amongst a plurality of mobile terminals, comprising:

receiving at a host device, from at least one of a plurality of mobile terminals, at least one identity associated with each said mobile terminal; ~~and~~

grouping and collecting, at the host device, the identities associated with the mobile terminals, to thereby establish a user group, wherein each of the at least one of said mobile terminals transmits the said its associated identity to the host device on a local communication link, wherein the host device is associated with a mobile communications network;

transmitting the user group to the mobile communications network; and
providing services to the mobile terminals of the user group from the mobile communications network once the local communications link is no longer powerful enough to communicate with those terminals.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the user group is a temporary user group.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising dynamically updating the user group.
6. (Original) A method according to claim 5 wherein the step of dynamically updating the user group includes receiving, at the host device, at least one identity associated with a mobile terminal, and adding said identity to the user group.
7. (Original) A method according to claim 5 wherein the step of dynamically updating the user group includes deleting an identity from the user group.
8. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising storing the user group.
9. (Original) A method according to claim 8 wherein the user group is stored with a characteristic to identify the group.
10. (Original) A method according to claim 9 wherein the characteristic is at least one of a date stamp; a time stamp; a location stamp.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the plurality of mobile devices transmit their associated identities to the host device responsive to a request for their associated identity from the host device, wherein the host device transmits said request on a local communication link.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 11 wherein the request from the host device is a broadcast signal.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the host device includes a mobile terminal.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the step, after said grouping step, of transmitting the identities of the user group to the plurality of terminals.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the local communication link is a short-range communication link.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15 wherein the short-range communication link is a radio communication link.

17. (Original) A method according to claim 16 wherein the radio communication link is a Bluetooth link.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of mobile terminals is associated with a mobile telecommunications network.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the host device is a mobile terminal.

20. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the host device is dedicated control unit.

21. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the host device is a computer.

22. (Currently Amended) A device for establishing a user group amongst a plurality of mobile terminals, including:

means for receiving an identity associated with each of the mobile terminals, said means being ~~adapted~~ configured to receive the identities on a local communication link;
and

means for grouping or collecting the associated identities to thereby establish a user group;

means for transmitting the user group to a mobile communications network; and
means for providing services to the mobile terminals of the user group from the
mobile communications network once the local communications link is no longer
powerful enough to communicate with those terminals.

23. (Original) A device according to claim 22 wherein the local communication link is a short-range communication link.

24. (Original) A device according to claim 23 wherein the short range communication link is a radio link.

25. (Original) A device according to claim 24 wherein the radio link is a Bluetooth link.

26. (Original) A device according to claim 23 wherein the short range communication link is an infra-red link.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Original) A device according to claim 22 further comprising means for storing one or more user groups.

29. (Original) A device according to claim 22 comprising a mobile telephone.

30. (Original) A device according to claim 22 comprising a host control device.

31. (Original) A device according to claim 22 comprising a computer system.

32. (Currently Amended) A mobile communications system including a device for establishing a user group amongst a plurality of mobile terminals of the system, including:

a host device for receiving an identity associated with each of the mobile terminals, said host device being adapted configured to receive the identities on a local communication link, and said host device further being adapted configured to group or collect the associated identities to thereby establish a user group, wherein the host device is associated with a mobile communications network,

wherein the system is configured to transmit the user group to the mobile communications network; and to provide services to the mobile terminals of the user group from the mobile communications network once the local communications link is no longer powerful enough to communicate with those terminals.